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To: Agency CIOs, Technical Contacts

From: Steve Rucker, Commissioner
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Subject: COT to host seminars aimed at increasing IT security awareness

To raise awareness of the importance of information technology security, Commonwealth Office of Technology will host seven free seminars on a wide range of information security topics during the month of October at the Commonwealth Data Center.

The seminars are being held in conjunction with National Cyber Security Awareness Month, an outreach effort led by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to raise awareness of IT security issues.

The first seminar will begin at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6 with a presentation from Mike Mitchell, a senior system engineer at Blue Coat Systems. Mitchell will speak on the tactics required to defend against advanced persistent threats.

Phyllis Schneck, vice president and chief technology officer of McAfee's Public Sector operations, will also speak at 1 p.m. that day about global threat intelligence. Other seminars include:

ID Theft: No One is Immune

3 p.m. Oct. 7

Lori Farris, Mediation Branch Manager, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General

The Shifting Internet Threat Landscape

2 p.m. Oct. 10

Patrick Gray, Principal Security Strategist, CISCO Systems Inc.

NSTIC, SICAM, PIV, & BYOD! What does this all mean for access control for my agency's applications?

3 p.m. Oct. 13

Brent Crossland, Senior Manager of State Government Initiatives, Entrust, Inc.

Current Threats Affecting Government Business

3 p.m. Oct. 18

Brian Tillett, Chief Security Strategist, Public Sector, Symantec Corp.

Securing Your Voice and Data Infrastructure

2 p.m. Oct. 20

Kevin Kirkpatrick, Engineer CSE, Avaya, Inc.

Additional details about each seminar, as well as reservation instructions [can be found online at COT's website](#). Anyone who may benefit from these sessions is invited to attend, although reservations are advised due to limited seating.